THE LITTLE PILGRIM

"We will go up by the King's highway."

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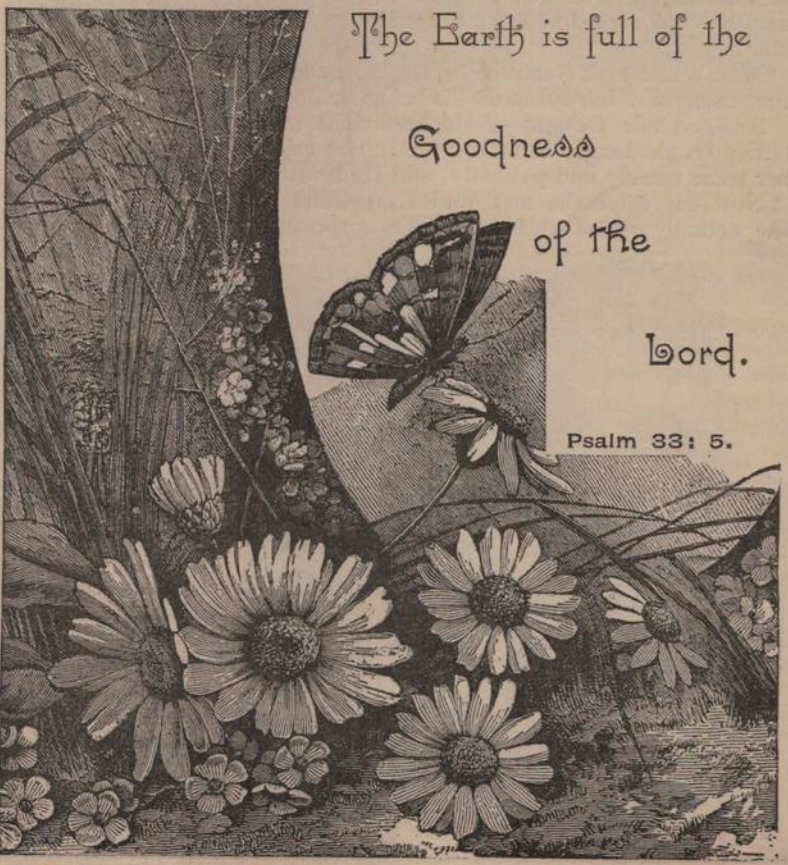

Gertrude's Trouble.

FAR down Maple Lane, in the little red brick house by the mill, lived Gertrude White. She was a sweet little girl about nine years old. If she had a few freckles on her little round face, and was slightly lame besides, it did not prevent her from being a great favorite. Gertrude had only one great trouble. Will Evans would insist on calling her "Tow-head," whenever they met.

One day little Gertrude came running home, and tossing her hat half across the room, said angrily, "Mother, I can't bear this any longer; Will Evans has called me 'Old Tow-head' before all the girls, and I wont bear it!" — "My daughter," said the kind mother, "will you please bring me the Bible from the table?" Gertrude silently obeyed.

"Now will my little daughter read to me the seventh verse of the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah?" Slowly and softly the child read how the blessed Saviour was afflicted and oppressed, yet opened not his mouth. She sighed as she said, "Mother, do you suppose they called him names?"

Mrs. White took Gertrude in her lap and read from the Holy Book the passages which speak of his being reviled but reviling not again.

As Gertrude thought of the treatment which the Saviour bore so patiently, she longed to be like him. She asked God to help her bear her trials meekly and patiently, and He heard and answered her prayer.

Not long after she met Will Evans, and, remembering her prayer, she actually *smiled* at him. This surprised him so that he could not muster courage to call after her, even if he had wished to do so.

The next time they met Will asked Gertrude's forgiveness for his unkindness. She was quite willing to forgive him, and soon they became friends, Will saying, "I used to like to see you get cross, but when you smiled, I could n't stand *that*."

Then Gertrude told Will of her mother's words which had led her to try to do as Jesus *did*.

— *Rev. W. W. Newton.*

Lesson Story.

MARK 14: 55–65.

IN our lesson picture we see Jesus among his enemies. The men of the council hated him, and had power to put him to death, if they could but find he had done or said evil. But that was a hard thing to do, for no one could be found who could tell of any wrong that Jesus had ever done. Some men who came in told false stories, but their stories did not agree. Then some said that Jesus had spoken against the temple, but neither did their stories agree, so it was quite plain that all who spoke against Christ were telling what was not true. Jesus himself stood quiet and calm, but the high priest became angry, and rising from his seat asked Jesus what he had to say. Jesus made no answer. Then the high priest asked him if he was the Son of God. Jesus said that he was, and then the high priest said there was no need of any others speaking, for one who said he was the Son of God was worthy of death. And so they all decided that Jesus should die, and they left him in charge of the soldiers till morning. The soldiers treated Jesus very cruelly. They struck him and made fun of him, and were very insulting. But through it all Jesus said no angry word, nor did he return their cruel blows. Remember this when some boy or girl strikes you or makes fun of you, and ask God's help that you may be ever patient and forgiving, returning good for evil.

GOLDEN TEXT. — **They hated me without a cause.** — John 15: 25.

Bible Lesson.

55. And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.
56. For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.
57. And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying,
58. We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.
59. But neither so did their witness agree together.
60. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness against thee?
61. But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?
62. And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
63. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?
64. Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.
65. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophesy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.—MARK 14: 55-65.

Lesson Questions.

1. Before whom was Jesus taken for trial? *Before the council.*
2. What did the council try to find? *People who would tell of some evil deed or word of Jesus.*
3. What did these people tell? *Stories which were very untrue.*
4. What did some of them say? *That Jesus had said he would destroy the temple and build another.*
5. What did the high priest then ask Jesus? *"Answerest thou nothing?"*
6. What did Jesus say? *Not a word.*
7. What did the high priest then ask? *"Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"*
8. What was Jesus' answer? *"I am."*
9. What did the high priest say to this? *He said that Jesus had spoken wickedly.*
10. What did the council do? *They all said that Jesus should be put to death.*
11. How did the soldiers treat Jesus? *They spit on him and made fun of him.*
12. What did the servants do to him? *They struck him.*
13. How did Jesus bear all these things? *He was quiet and calm.*
14. What should you do when treated unkindly? *Try to be quiet and forgiving as Jesus was.*

LIKE JESUS.

WHEN bitter words are on my tongue,
And tears of passion in my eyes;
Then may I stay the angry blow,
Then may I check the hasty word,
Give gentle answers back again,
Be kind, forgiving, like my Lord.

LESSON ECHOES.

When ill-treated, Jesus was
PATIENT,
QUIET,
CALM,
GENTLE,
FORGIVING.
Will you not try to be like him?

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